

Oranges and lemons say the bells of St. Clements, but what do they know, anyway. This is Black Hole, a sine published apocryphal every third Saturday by Douglas Reiff, 67 Grosvenor Rd., Kenmore, NY 14223. Subs are 11/\$2, and of course trades are welcome. All games are protected by DNYMFA.

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I've been sitting here staring at the typewriter for about five minutes now, and I am absolutely speechless. Maybe I'll give you a game, and by the time I come back I'll have something inspired to type...

1976 EI

Spring 1905

THE SAME OLD SONG AND DANCE

AUSTRIA (Smith): A Tri-Vie

FRANCE (Barents): F Nrg S German F Nth-Nwy, F Mid-Iri, A Lon-Wal, F Wes-Tun, F Ion S Italian F Eas-Aeg, A Tyr S Italian A Ven-Tri, A Mar-Pie, A Tus S A Mar-Pie

GERMANY (McLendon): A Sil-War, A Ber-Pru, A Yor-Edi, A Swe-Liv, F Bal C A Swe-Liv, F Nth-Nwy, F Den-Ska

ITALY (Charnley): F Eas-Aeg, A Ser-Gre, F Nap-Tyr, A Ven S French A Tyr-Tri, F Alb (unordered) H

RUSSIA (Strain): A Gal S A Vie, A Vie S A Gal, F Nwy H, F Cly-Liv, A War S A Gal

TURKEY (Grabar): A Con-Bul, F Smy-Eas, F Aeg S F Gre-Ion, F Gre-Ion, A Sev-Mos, F Bla-Sev, A Bud S A Rum-Ser, A Rum-Ser

Underlined moves fail. The Russian F Nwy is dislodged and must retreat to Swe, Bar, Stp(nc) or OTB, and the Italian A Ser is annihilated. The deadline for Fall 1905 moves is 7:30 PM, Thursday, September 13, 1977, and they may be made conditional on the retreat. Press follows. COA--Dave Grabar, 4346 E. Armet Ct., Las Vegas, Nevada 89110.

Constantinople: Alas, we are moving in order to establish the direct opposite utopian society hereby known and followed throughly.
Kenmore (MOHAIR): Run that one by again?

Marital Bliss Dept.

Engineer Wilfred John was reasonably happy with married life until his 29 year old wife, Cora, started taking her nine pet hedgehogs to bed with them. Wilfred, 45, has applied for a divorce and a biologist is giving evidence on his behalf, saying that hedgehogs are not merely prickly but also carry fleas. Buffalo Courier-Express July 28

While there is still room, let me take the space to urge you to send in any upcoming COA's for the mailing list to be published next issue.

1971 E

Spring 1910

ONLY ONE MOVE FAILS!

ENGLAND (Helly): A Bel-Den, F Nth C A Bel-Pen, F Pru-Bal, F Max-Pad,
 F Ana & S Eng S A Sec-Lia, F Lin S F Eng, A Ber, I Bul & F Ana A
 FRANCE (Charley): A Bur-Rum, A Pac-Bur, A Gas S A Pic-Bur, F Bur-
 Pic, A Tyr S F Bre-Pic, F Mid-Eng, F Wes-Maf, F Spa(sc)-Por,
 A Ver S A Tri, A Tri S A Ven, A Ruh (unordered) H
 TURKEY (Mazette): F Tyr H, F Rum-Bla, F Ana-Con, A Con-Bul, A Ser-
 Bud, A Vie & A Boh H, A Sil S A War-Pru, A War-Pru, A Mos-Stp,
 A Sev-Por, A Sny-Way

The underlined move fails. The French F Mid is dislodged and must retreat to Bre, Spa(nc), Spa(sc), Wes or OTE. The retreat is due immediately. Fall 1910 moves are due 7:30 PM, Thursday, September 15, 1977, and may be conditional on the direction of the retreat.

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1974 BX

Fall 1911

SULTAN'S SHARP SWORD STABS SUCCESSFULLY

AUSTRIA (McLendon): Owns (0) Own
 ENGLAND (Rosales): A Sny H, F Nat-Mid, F Iri S F Nat-Mid, F Lon-Eng,
 F Nth S F Lon-Eng, F Hel-Bel, F Ber S F Kie, F Kie H, A Sil-Ber
 Owns Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Stp, Swe (10)
 Even
 FRANCE (Smith): F Bel H, A Ruh S F Bel, F Bre-Pic, F Mid H, F Spa(sc),
 F Mid, F Tyr-Wes, A Tri-Bud, A Vie S A Tri-Bud, F Adr-Tri, A Boh-
 Sil, A Man S A Boh-Sil, A Tyr-Bch, A Tus-Ven Owns Bel, Bre,
 Bud, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rum, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie (14)
 Build 1
 RUSSIA (Michalski): A Gal-Vie, A Bud S A Gal-Vie, A Ukr-Gal, A War S
 A Ukr-Gal Owns Mos, War (2) Remove 1
 TURKEY (Scott): A Rum-Sev, F Bla S A Rum-Sev, A Ser S French A Tri-
 Bud, A Bul-Rum, F Aeg-Gre Owns Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser,
 Sev, Sny (6) Build 3

Underlined moves fail. The English A Sil is dislodged and must retreat to Pru or OTE, and the Russian A Bud is annihilated. The retreat is due immediately as are Winter 1911 adjustments. The deadline for Spring 1912 moves is 7:30 PM, Thursday, September 15, 1977, and they may be made conditional on the adjustments. There is a proposal for a French/Turkish two way draw. Please vote with your moves. Absence of a vote counts as no.

And the only thing that comes to mind is a Stosh and Josh joke...

Josh: Hey, Stosh, I can't use these nails. The heads are on the wrong end.

Stosh: Of course, Josh, you dummy. They're for the other side of the wall. ((Laughter, joy, and merriment))

1976 IX

April 1904

GREAT POWERS TAKE A VACATION

The French A Ven retreated to Rom. No retreat was received for the dislodged English F Swe, so it is removed. The other draw vote was unanimous.

ENGLAND (Gale): No moves received! F Bar, F Big, A Alb, F Alb & F Bal H. Owns Edi, Liv (2). Remove 3.
 FRANCE (Michalski): A Kle S A Ruh-Mun, A Ruh-Mun, F Eng-Lon, F Tun E Italian F Apu-Ion, F Lyo-Tyr, F Wes S F Lyo-Tyr, A Hol S A Kle, A Boh-Gal, A Rom-Map. Owns Bel, Bre, Hol, Kle, Lon, Mar, Mun, Par, Per, Rom, Spa, Tun (12). Build 3.
 GERMANY (Strain): F Dan & A Ber H. Owns Ber, Den (2). Even.
 ITALY (Mirassou): A Ven E, F Apu-Map. Owns Map, Ven (2). Even.
 RUSSIA (Rowland): A Vie-Gal, A Sil-Gal, A Tri-Tyr, F Rum-Bul(ec), A Stp-Nwy, A Swe S A Stp-Nwy, A Pru-Ber, F Bob-Bal. Owns Bud, Bul, Mos, Nwy, Rum, Sev, Stp, Swe, Tri, Vis, War (11). Build 3.
 TURKEY (Boniface): No moves received! F Ion, F Aeg, F Eas, F Alb, A Goe & A Ser H. Owns Ank, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy (5). Remove 1.

Underlined moves fail. Winter 1904 adjustments are due immediately. Spring 1905 moves are due 7:30 PM, Thursday, September 15, 1977 and may be made conditional on the adjustment 3. COA--(Sept 2) Alan Rowland, College Station, Box 2173, Easton, Pa. 18042. Will Ron Kelly, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, #120, Washington, DC 20061 please standby for England. Will August Lukow, 7600 Riverview Dr. SE, Apt 205, Jenison, Michigan 49428 please standby for Turkey. There are proposals for E/F/R/T and F/R/T draws. Please vote, and remember that absence of a vote counts no. Your vote may be made conditional on the player of a country. Press fellows.

Berlin: French offer to take Berlin is hereby rejected.

Amsterdam (American Steppe News Service): The British, French, and Russian envoys were walking down the street discussing great achievements in human history. The British envoy said, "I believe the Americans putting a man on the moon is the greatest thing ever accomplished by man." "No, I cannot agree," said the French envoy. "Surely Dr. Barnard's heart transplants must take the honor." "I dunno, uh, no," mumbled the Russian envoy, stopping to examine a cigar butt in the gutter. "No, dah THEMION BOTTLE's gotta be Ah greatest thing ever invented by man." Seeing the incredulity, as well as the usual disgust in the faces of his companions, he went on to explain. "It gets no movin' parts. You go for 2411 it will u' hot coffee in dah mornin' and it come out at night. You can fill it with o' ice water in dah noonin' and it come out cold at night. How DOot know? How DO it know?"

St. Louis-Gay Paris: Pull me. I'm a piece of sissy.

You too can start a profitable business manufacturing sneakers at home for just pennies a shoe. See next page for details.

Tummy in the Tummy Dept.

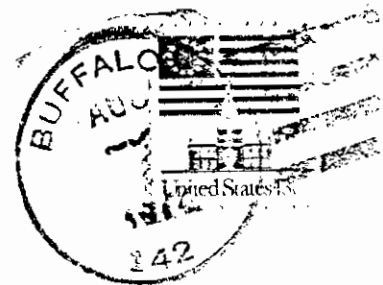
They're making a federal case out of an effort to dedicate an Agriculture Department cafeteria to a 19th Century guide convicted of eating five of his customers. The fuss began when department officials put up a plaque in the small cafeteria which includes an executive dining room used by Agriculture Secretary Robert Bergland. The \$29 plaque, paid for by two Bergland aides, designated the room as the Alfred E. Packer Grill.

Packer was convicted of cannibalism on charges that in 1874 he killed and ate five prospectors he was guiding through the Rockies. In sentencing Packer, a Colorado judge allegedly said: "There was only six Democrats in all of Hinsdale county and you, you man-eater, ate five of them. I sentence you to hang by the neck until you're dead, dead, dead, as a warning against further reducing the Democratic population of this county." Packer, however, was later paroled and died in Littleton, a Denver suburb, in 1907. And, of course, the judge later denied the quote.

The plaque was removed on orders of Melvin Schick, a General Services Administration official who is the Agriculture Department's building manager.irate Bergland aides said Mr. Schick told them the plaque was in bad taste and they had no right to hang it without his approval. Tom Sand, Bergland's press aide, demanded that Mr. Schick produce the regulations backing up his action. He said he will submit the regulations to Agriculture Department lawyers for study before Mr. Bergland is asked what to do next and whether a formal request for permission to rehang the plaque may be made. The regulations appeared unclear except on one point, Mr. Sand said. He said they clearly contain a ban on spending government money to remove memorials. "They removed the plaque at government expense which is clearly prohibited by paragraph 51-H," Mr. Sand contended.

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